

### **WILL A "YES" VOTE ON THE BOND ISSUE MEAN HIGHER TAXES?**

No, the City is already allocating a portion of the taxes it now levies to a Capital Improvements Fund. If that capital improvements portion of the taxes is applied to debt service on the bond issue, it would be sufficient at current tax rates to pay off the bonds without increasing taxes in future years.

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT THIS ISSUE**

You, as a registered voter of Heber City, will decide whether to approve the City's plan to restore the Tabernacle for use as a City Hall. You should study the facts carefully and decide whether you are for or against the plan proposed by the City Council to restore the building. After you have made your decision, please express your choice by voting on July 7th between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the following polling places.

Special Voting District	Regular Voting Districts	Polling Place
No. 1	No. 2, 5, 6 and 14	Municipal Building 37 E. 100 No.
No. 2	No. 1, 3 and 10	Senior Citizen's Center 90 W. 100 No.

### **ELECTION PROPOSITION AS IT WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT**

Shall the general obligation bonds of Heber City, Utah, to the amount of \$350,000, due and payable in not to exceed forty (40) years from the date of said bonds, be issued and sold for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring, improving or extending public buildings, including the renovation, repair and improvement of the old Heber City Tabernacle for use as a city hall, together with all necessary materials, appurtenances and equipment therefore, and including all engineering, feasibility, legal and fiscal advisors' fees and costs incident to the authorization and issuance of such bonds?

FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS ☐

AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS ☐

### **THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF THE TABERNACLE**

Mayor and City Council of Heber City  
Sons of the Utah Pioneers  
Daughter of the Utah Pioneers  
Wasatch County Historical Society  
Heber City Rotary Club  
Wasatch Chamber of Commerce

## **PRESERVE THE PAST BUILD FOR THE FUTURE**



**Heber City, Utah  
Special General Obligation  
Building Bond Election  
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1987  
POLLS OPEN 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Voter Information Pamphlet  
Heber City, Utah**



## **WHAT WILL THE BOND ISSUE ACCOMPLISH?**

The proceeds of the bond issue along with other monies in the City's Capital Improvement Fund will provide the money necessary to restore and renovate the Heber City Tabernacle into a modern and functional City Hall. The Tabernacle was purchased by the City from the LDS Church in 1965 with a restriction in the deed that the property could only be used for noncommercial civic or charitable purposes. The Tabernacle is also on the Federal Register of Historical Buildings. The City has only three options on its use of the Tabernacle:

1) renovate the building into a useable City Hall; 2) let the building deteriorate from non-use and neglect; 3) continue to maintain the building without restoring it or using it. The most sensible and practical solution is to renovate the Tabernacle and preserve the building's unique structural and historical characteristics.



## **IS THE TABERNACLE STRUCTURALLY SOUND?**

The construction on the Tabernacle began one hundred years ago by the area's pioneer settlers, and was dedicated for use as a church building in 1889. It was used in that capacity until 1965, when it was purchased by Heber City. The Tabernacle has been evaluated independently by three separate engineering and architectural firms in the last two years, and all of the experts have pronounced the structure to be sound and worthy of restoration.

## **WHAT WILL THE TABERNACLE LOOK LIKE AFTER RESTORATION?**

The exterior of the building will be restored to its original appearance and condition to preserve the historical character of the structure. On the interior a second level will be added to utilize the building more completely, and to strengthen the exterior walls. The present plans call for the first level to house the police department, the City's administrative staff and a museum (display area) for exhibiting local historical artifacts. The second floor will house a council/public meeting room which will accommodate 125 people, the planning and building inspection offices, the justice of the peace court, and the mayor's office. The building will have an elevator between the first and second levels to accommodate elderly and handicapped persons and to comply with federal standards. Except for the addition of a paved parking area to the rear of the building, the exterior grounds will remain the same.

## **DOES THE CITY NEED A NEW CITY HALL**

The present Municipal Building was constructed in 1949, and remodeled several times since. Because the City population has increased several times since then, the need for municipal services and City staff has increased proportionally. To bring the present Municipal Building up to current building, fire and handicapped codes and to remodel it into a functional City administrative center would be more costly than renovating the Tabernacle. The present building is too small and its layout is inefficient. To correct those inefficiencies, much of its present interior would have to be gutted. The present building would also have to be enlarged, which may require the City to purchase additional land.

## **IS THE RENOVATION OF THE TABERNACLE COST EFFECTIVE?**

Because the City already owns the building, and because the shell needs only minor removal of the interior structure, it is more cost effective (on a cost per square foot of finished interior space basis) to renovate the Tabernacle than to renovate the present Municipal Building or to construct a totally new building on another site. In addition the Tabernacle's central location in the community and its historical significance to the area are major reasons for restoring the Tabernacle rather than a renovation of the present Municipal Building or the construction of a new City complex.



## **WHAT WILL RENOVATION COST?**

The City has accumulated over the years approximately \$270,000 in its Capital Improvements Fund for the acquisition of a City Hall. This money along with the bond issue proceeds will be sufficient to pay for the total renovation and remodeling of the Tabernacle, with money to spare. If the actual restoration costs are less than the architect's estimates for restoration a lesser amount of bonds will be issued. Under no circumstances can the bond issue amount exceed the \$350,000 authorized by the election.